

Amendments to the Claims:

1. (Previously presented): A chicken astrovirus type 2 (CAstV-2), characterised in that the virus is the CAstV deposited under accession no. I-2932 at the Collection Nationale de Cultures de Microorganismes (CNCM) of the Institute Pasteur, Paris, France or a CAstV-2 that is able to induce antiserum that neutralises the deposited virus.

Claims 2 – 3 (Canceled)

4. (Currently amended): ~~A vaccine for use in the protection of poultry against disease caused by avian astrovirus infection, characterised in that the vaccine comprises An immunogenic composition comprising~~ a CAstV-2 according to claim 1, together with a pharmaceutical pharmaceutically acceptable carrier or diluent.
5. (Currently amended): The vaccine immunogenic composition according to claim 4, characterized in that the CAstV-2 is in a live attenuated form.
6. (Currently amended): The vaccine according to claims 4, characterized in that the vaccine further comprises immunogenic composition of claim 4, further comprising one or more vaccine components of other pathogens infectious to poultry.

7. (Currently amended): The vaccine immunogenic composition according to claim 4, wherein the vaccine comprises further comprising an adjuvant.
8. (Previously presented): A method for the preparation of CAstV-2 antigen material, wherein a CAstV-2 according to claim 1 is propagated in a cell culture and subsequently harvested from the cell culture.
9. (Currently amended): A method for the preparation of a vaccine according to claim 4, an immunogenic composition, wherein a CAstV-2 according to claim 1 is mixed with a pharmaceutical pharmaceutically acceptable carrier or a diluent.
10. (Currently amended): A method for the protection of raising an immune response in poultry, against disease caused by avian astrovirus, infection, comprising administering a vaccine an immunogenic composition according to claim 4 to poultry.